

## About the reported occurrence of *Maniola telmessia* Zeller on Angistri island, Greece

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In the French edition of the "Field Guide to the Butterflies of Britain and Europe" (Guide des Papillons d'Europe, 1971, 1975, by L. G. Higgins and N. D. Riley; translated and adapted by P. C. Rougeot) it is reported that *M. telmessia* has been recorded from the small Greek island of Angistri, situated a few miles due south-west from the port of Piraeus.

This unusual record prompted me to visit this island, and on 13th May 1979 a series of 20 male and 9 female *Maniola* specimens were collected there.

All captured male specimens (Plt. XVI fig. 1) were found to be superficially identical with the form of *Maniola jurtina* Linnaeus inhabiting the surrounding mainland areas and quite unlike *telmessia* (Plt. XVI fig. 2), while their genitalia (Plt. XVI fig. 3) proved beyond any doubt that all were, in fact, *jurtina* and not *telmessia*, whose genitalia (Plt. XVI fig. 4) exhibit a number of distinctive structural characters.

In view of this it would seem rather doubtful that *telmessia* should occur at all on Angistri island, a place situated well outside the geographic area known to be inhabited by it.

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ON THE OVIPOSITING HABITS OF THE WHITE ADMIRAL:  
LADOGA CAMILLA L. — Last year whilst searching for the ova of this butterfly in a wood in Hampshire, I found an ovum of this species that had been deposited on a bramble leaf close by some honeysuckle. The normal habit of this insect of course is to deposit on honeysuckle, and this year I observed a female *camilla* in a Dorset wood settle on a wisp of honeysuckle about a foot above the ground, and which formed part of the ground cover between the hazel coppicing. Eventually she flew off and examination revealed a single ovum. — A. S. HARMER, 'Covertside', Sway Road, Lymington, Hants SO4 8MN.

### PLATE XVI

*Maniola jurtina* L. ♂, Angistri Is., Greece, 13.V.79. Fig. 1: Imago upperside. Fig. 3a: Interior surface of right valva. Fig. 3b: Hair pencil.

*M. telmessia* Z. ♂, Filerimos, Island of Rhodes, Greece, 15.V.71. Fig. 2: Imago upperside. Fig. 4a: Interior surface of right valve. Fig. 4b: Hair pencil.

*Melanargia russiae* Esp., ♂, Mt. Timfi, Greece, c. 1800 m, 23.VII.78. Figs. 5 and 6: Imagos upperside.